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McAfee Company to Kentucky in the Summer of 1773, and what it meant for the actual settlement of Kentucky." The McAfees appear to have attempted the first permanent settlement in "The Dark and Bloody Ground."

The illustrations from photographs are especially interesting.

They include views of Wood's (now Jarman's) Gap; the farm of Michael Woods on James River in Botetourt Co.; Cumberland Gap, Waseoto Gap, Ky.; McAfee's Spring on Salt River, Ky.; a sketch of Boone's Trace, near Pineville, Ky.; Kentucky River at the mouth of Drennon's Creek; Cumberland Mountain near Cumberland Gap, view on the Cumberland river, Kentucky river at its mouth, and other places of note in the early westward movement, and along the route to Kentucky.

A very important and unique feature of THE WOODS-McAFEE MEMORIAL, is the series of maps, specially drawn for the purpose to illustrate the settlement of the Western portion of Virginia, and early routes to the West. These are (1) Vicinity of Charlottesville, Va., showing sites of houses of settlers between that place and the Blue Ridge; (2) Map of Kentucky, &c., to illustrate the homeward route of the McAfee Company in August, 1773, and also the routes of the Walker (1750), Gist (1751) and Boone's Trace; (3) Route of the McAfee Company, July-Aug., 1773, from Botetourt Co., Va., to Central Kentucky; (4) Map of Long Hunters Road, &c., of the Wilderness Road and Boone's Trace; (5) Portions of Mercer and adjoining counties in Kentucky, illustrating the route of the McAfee Company; (6) Map of "The Parting of the Ways," near Draper's Meadow, Va., with various old roads and trails, houses, &c.; (7) Map of Southwestern Virginia, Southeastern Kentucky and Northeastern Tennessee, illustrating various expeditions, routes, &c., and the settlement of the West, 1750-1800. These maps greatly facilitate the study of the history of the frontier.

Dr. Woods and his collaborators have made a valuable addition to history and genealogy.

SONS OF THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL CONVERSE, JR., of Thompson Parish, Killingly, Conn. Major James Converse, Woburn, Mass; Hon. Denman Allen, M. C., of Milton and Burlington, Vt.; Captain Jonathan Bixby, Sr., of Killingly, Conn. Compiled and Edited by Charles Allen Converse, 2 vols. Eben P:nam, Publisher, Boston, Mass., pp. xix, 961. Copiously illustrated.

Rarely has there been published a work on American genealogy as sumptuous and beautiful as this. And what is of much higher importance the genealogical work contained in these two handsome volumes shows evidence of the greatest skill and thoroughness. No time nor money was evidently spared in obtaining all possible information in regard to the families treated in this book.

It is of much more present importance than a book of ordinary genealogical reference, comprising a dull array of names and dates; for the illustrations of American patriotism in it are authoritatively drawn from actual experience, and are saliently, vitally such as should be pondered in these changeable, eventful times. Its study is educative. Its encyclopedic information is of elementary significance for that student of American history who would know, and properly estimate, the spirit of true American life.

Its editorial construction is dominated by thorough literary culture, judgment, orderliness, and the possession of a terse, vigorous, attractive pen. Scattered through its text are pertinent drawings and portraits. In the regard of fine book craftsmanship it is a model. Whatever person or library that possesses its rare volumes of nearly a thousand pages is to be congratulated.

In the Appendix valuable sketches are given of a large number of New England families connected with the branch of the family to which the author belongs, including the families of Edgecombe, Hawkes, Smead, Bates, Belden, Waite, Nash, Stone, Coleman, Porter, Field, Baldwin, Prentis, Rogers, Griswold, Wolcott, Gilbert, Lord, Stanton, Underwood, Bishop, Perkins, Bixby, and numerous quotations from early records and from authentic printed sources concerning the military and civil services of members of these families, are incorporated in these sketches. So great has been the intermarriage of old New England families that in these pages many of the readers of this book will undoubtedly find details concerning maternal ancestors, even if the entire line of descent does not appear. This section of the book makes it of the utmost value as a general reference work of New England genealogy. Similar ancestral records are interspersed throughout the book, whenever information regarding maternal ancestry of members of the family was received. The general index contains approximately 6,500 references to individuals, and the index to marriages over 2,000 names of persons married to Converses.

In some instances special research was carried on in England to obtain the information desired. This was so in the case of the Converse family, the Edgecombe and Stanton families, and in minor degree of others.

In addition to New England people many Southerners are represented.

THE ANCESTRY OF ROSALIE MORRIS JOHNSON, daughter of George Calvert Morris and Elizabeth Kuhn, his wife. Compiled by R. Winder Johnson. 1905. Printed for private circulation only by Ferris & Leach, pp. 294.

This volume, which is alike an admirable example of careful and thorough genealogical work and handsome book-making, is a memorial